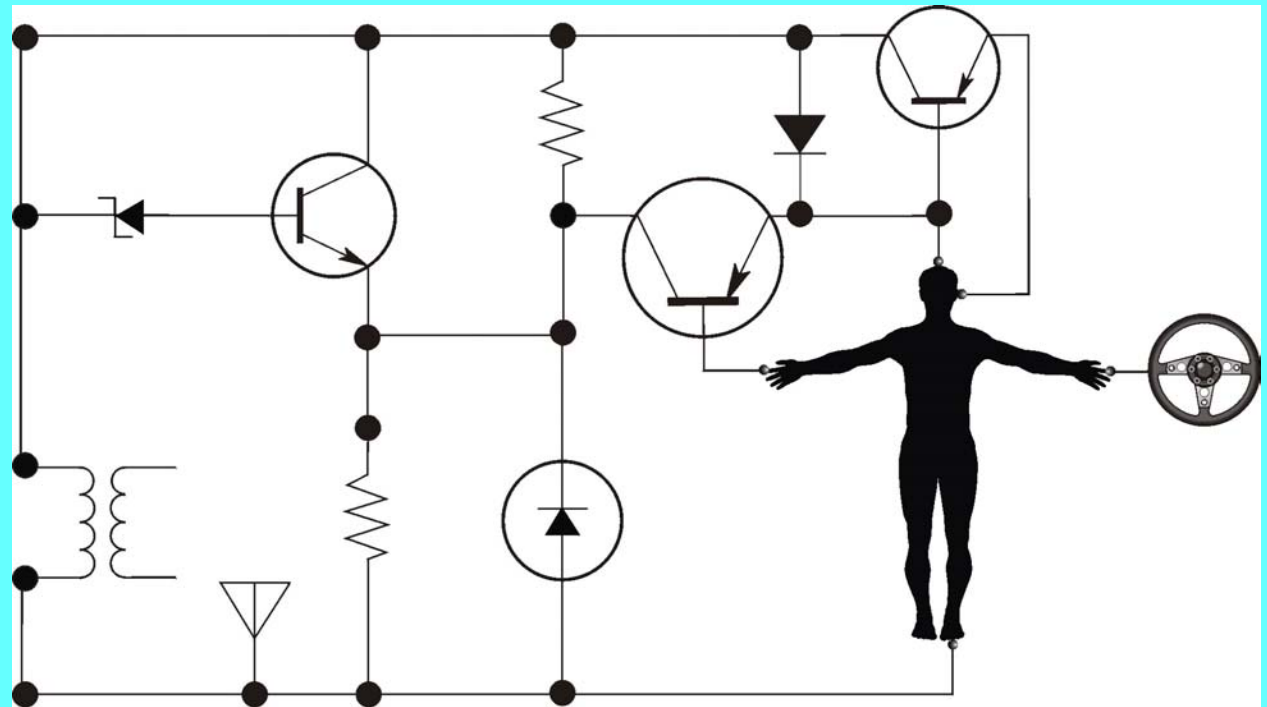




IVI Human Factors



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Intelligent Vehicle Initiative

IVI's Mission:

Prevention of Highway Crashes and the Fatalities and Injuries They Cause

IVI's Focus is to prevent crashes by helping drivers avoid hazardous mistakes. Past USDOT safety programs have focused on crash mitigation.



Prevention: A New Direction for USDOT Safety Programs

The objectives of IVI activities are to:

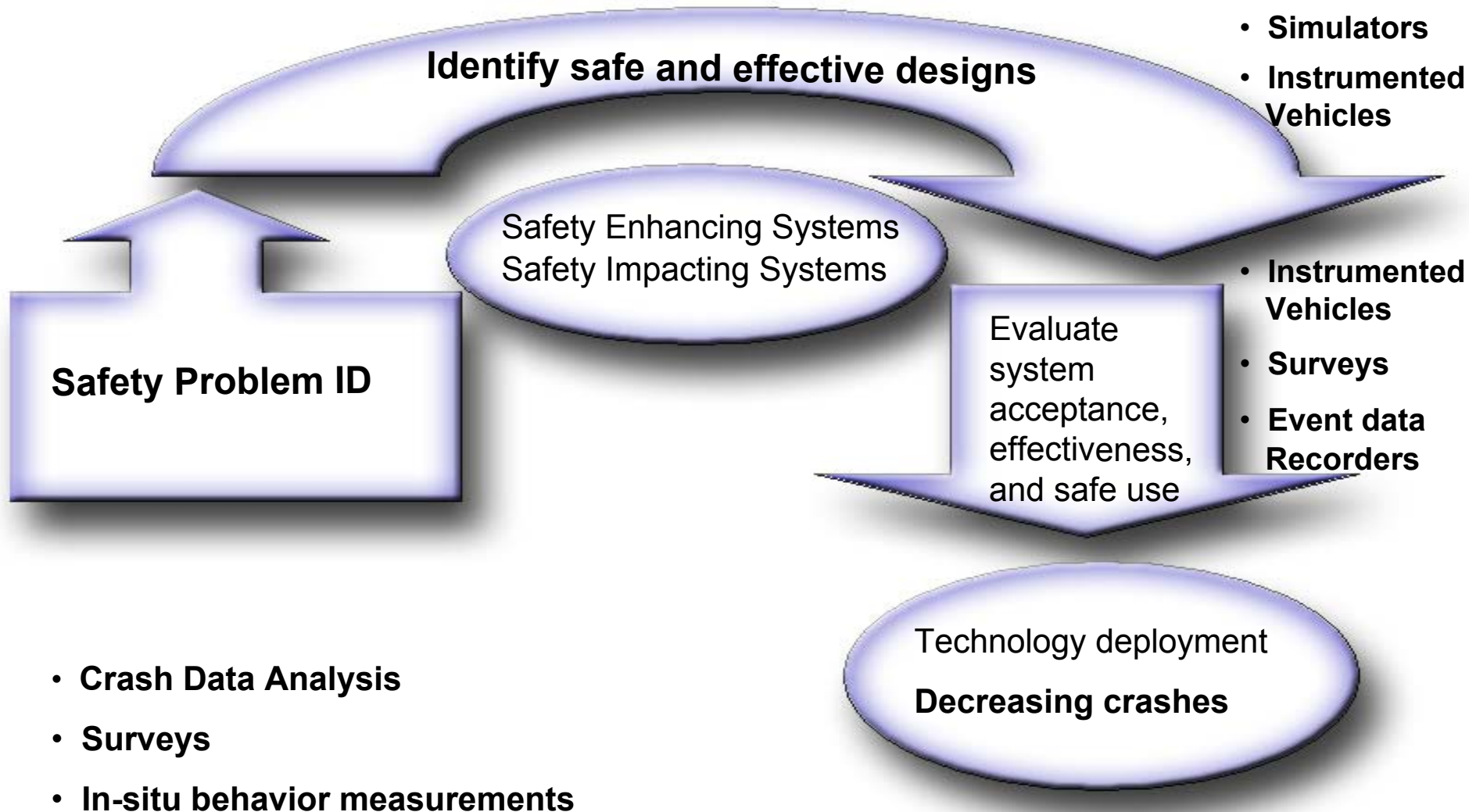
- **Minimize safety problems associated with driver distraction**
- **Facilitate accelerated development and deployment of crash avoidance systems**

However while Technology offers new safety solutions, it also poses new problems.

Team Roles

- **Provide expert advice on human factors issues**
- **Help disseminate research results**
- **Coordinate human factors information & programs among different platforms**
- **Identify and implement IVI human factors research projects through Platform Directors**

Integration of Human Factors Research in IVI Process





Human Factors Issues for Collision Avoidance Systems


- **Warning interface characteristics that**
 - attract driver attention and
 - enhance response to imminent crash
- **Timing of warning compatibility with driver's reaction time**
- **Effects of false/nuisance alarms on driver performance and acceptance**

Human Factors Evaluation Factors

- **Appropriateness of driver response to system alerts**
- **Physical ergonomics of the DVI**
- **Driver behavior changes (learning, adaptation, errors, workload, etc)**
- **Usability/acceptability**

Research Dissemination

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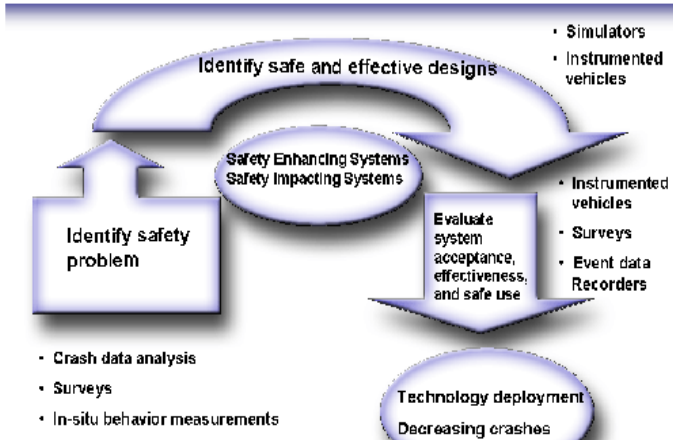
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Human Factors Engineering (a.k.a. human factors) is the application of knowledge about human abilities, limitations, and other human characteristics to the design of equipment, tasks, and jobs. In the Intelligent Vehicle Initiative (IVI), the goal of human factors research is to support the development and deployment of effective, safe, and usable technologies to help drivers avoid crashes.

The IVI HF research process is illustrated by the diagram below. The research stages, which can be iterative, are applied to systems that can directly improve safety and those that otherwise influence driving tasks (e.g., driver information systems). The bulleted items in the figure below are some of the major methods used to collect the necessary human factors data.



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    A[Identify safety problem] --> B[Identify safe and effective designs]
    B --> C[Evaluate system acceptance, effectiveness, and safe use]
    C --> D[Technology deployment  
Decreasing crashes]
    D --> A
    B --> E((Safety Enhancing Systems  
Safety Impacting Systems))
    E --> C
  
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- Simulators
- Instrumented vehicles
- Instrumented vehicles
- Surveys
- Event data Recorders
- Crash data analysis
- Surveys
- In-situ behavior measurements

April 30, 2002

HF IVI Research Coordination

Safety Impacting Issues

- **Driver Distraction**
- **Equipment/Information Integration**
- **Naturalistic driver behavior data collection**



HF IVI Research Coordination

Cross Platform

- **Ongoing Transit Integration of FCW & SCW**
- **Proposed Project on (Light Vehicle) Collision Warnings Integration**

What's New?

Completed

- **Simulator-based study of the timing of forward collision warnings and the avoidance of rear end crashes by distracted and non-distracted drivers; and how warning tone urgency affects driver response**

What's New?

Completed

■ On-road study of Far Infra Red Night Vision Systems.

Final Report under review.

- TRB 2002: DRIVER BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE USING AN INFRARED NIGHT VISION ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM

■ The Effect of False Forward Collision Warnings on Driver Responses

Final Report under review.



Driver Distraction Research




Completed

- **Inventory of In-Vehicle Technology
Human Factors Design Characteristics
Final Report under review.**

What's New?

- **Naturalistic Driving Data study – Instrumentation of vehicle nearly completed**
- **CAMP Driver Workload Metrics Study - Criterion to Determine when the Driver is Overloaded**
- **Measure of Truck Driver Workload**
 - Unique from light vehicles

Key HF Research Challenges

-  **Understanding and measuring behavioral adaptation**
-  **Understanding impact of cognitive tasks & workload**
-  **Predicting safety impact from surrogate measures of driver performance**

Key HF Research Challenges

- ✦ **How device operation influences driver ability to understand & respond to warnings**

Warning frequency, false warning, and missed signals

- ✦ **How to design for variability in driver capabilities and behaviors**